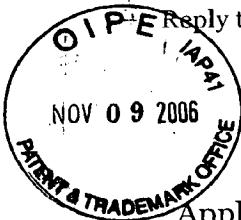


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Applicants: Ted D. Grabau  
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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office action having a mail date of August 8, 2006. Please amend the application and consider the remarks as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.